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Construction/Upgradation of Airports
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to construct new airports/Greenfield airports and upgrade/modernise the existing airports in metro and non-metro cities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise and the funds allocated, released and spent for the purpose during the last three years and the current year, year/airportwise and the share of Union and the State Government in this regard;

(c) the details of the proposals received, cleared and pending from various States/ UTs during the above period and the time by which pending proposals are likely to be cleared;

(d) whether land has been transferred by various States including Madhya Pradesh for the execution of the above projects, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether some of the States/UTs especially Madhya Pradesh have asked to return surplus land from these airport projects, if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise;

(f) whether the Government has directed the airport regulator to put in place an effective monitoring mechanism to avoid delays in execution of above projects and to ensure completion of above airport projects without any further cost escalation, if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the details of airport projects where work has been delayed during the above period and additional expenditure incurred by the Government due to the same and action taken by the Government for timely completion of airport projects?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has granted "in-principle" approval for setting up of 18 Greenfield Airports, namely, Pakyong in Sikkim, Navi Mumbai, Sindhudurg and Shirdi in Maharashtra, Mopa in Goa, Bijapur, Gulbarga, Hasan and Shimoga in Karnataka, Kannur in Kerala, Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh, Dholera in Gujarat, Dagadarthi (Nellore), Bhogapuram (Vizianagram) and Oravakallu (Kurnool) in Andhra Pradesh, Durgapur in West Bengal, Gwalior and Karaikal in Madhya Pradesh. ;

Upgradation/modernisation of existing airports is a continuous process which is undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) from time to time depending upon various factors such as land availability, traffic demand, operational requirements, demand from airlines, etc. The details of such projects undertaken by AAI along with the funds allocated and utilised for the purpose during the last three years and the current year, airport/year-wise and the share of AAI, Union and State Governments are at Annexure-I. As per the Greenfield Airport Policy, financing and development of the airport is the responsibility of the project proponents and MoCA does not allocate funds to such Greenfield Airport projects.;;

(c): During the years 2014 to 2016, MoCA has received following proposals for setting up of Greenfield Airports: Ankleshwar in Gujarat, Bhiwadi in Rajasthan, Dagadarthi (Nellore), Bhogapuram (Vizianagram), Tadepalligudem (West Godavari), Oravakallu (Kurnool) and Kuppam (Chittoor) in Andhra Pradesh, Chingleput near Chennai in Tamil Nadu, Gwalior and Singrauli in Madhya Pradesh, Hisar in Haryana, Kothagudem (Khammam) in Telangana, Noida International Airport near Jewar and Saifai (Etawah) in Uttar Pradesh. Out of the above proposals, Government of India has granted "in-principle" approval to the projects at Bhogapuram, Tadepalligudem and Oravakallu in Andhra Pradesh and "site-clearance" to Government of Rajasthan for setting up of airport at Bhiwadi and Govt. of Telangana for setting up of airport at Kothagudem. ;

The timeline for construction of airport projects depends upon may factors such as land acquisition, availability of mandatory clearances, financial closure, etc. by the individual developer, which involves a lengthy and time consuming process. MoCA does not mandate any timelines to project proponents.;
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(d): The details of land transferred by various State Governments including the State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh for execution of airport projects are at Annexure-II.;
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(e): Yes, Madam. ;
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(f): No, Madam. However, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has an independent Project Monitoring and Quality Assurance (PMQA) mechanism to ensure regular monitoring through periodic site inspection visits and holding review and coordination meetings for effective review of project implementation, quality assurance, expenditure monitoring and regulatory mechanism to ensure budgetary compliance at all stages of the project implementation in order to ensure timely completion and to avoid cost escalation.;
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(g): The details of airport projects where work has been delayed during the above period and additional expenditure incurred by the Govt. due to the same are at Annexure-lll. Government regularly monitors the projects to ensure timely completion and fulfillment of budgetary obligations.